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In response to applicant's argument of the Reasons for Allowance that " Independent claims 16 and 20 and the claims that depend therefrom do not include the features of the first electrode noted in the reasons for allowance and thus these claims should not in any way be construed as including, or being limited to, such features". However, the examiner maintains these reasons for allowance because it is clear from claims 16 and 20 that the first electrode passes through the first and second surfaces of the supporting member (substrate). The first electrode from the claim also clearly extends to the tip through a centrally formed opening.


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